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Further to my conversation with Examiner Sheela Chawan regarding the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced patent application reflect that claim 11 is included in the allowed claims.

Attached is a copy of a Rule 312 Amendment mailed to the USPTO on October 13, 2003. As the Rule 312 Amendment indicates, although claim 11 was an original claim that had not been amended, withdrawn, or canceled, when the patent application was allowed, claim 11 was erroneously omitted from the Notice of Allowance. A copy of the returned postcard is included as evidence of filing the Rule 312 Amendment.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

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In re Application of:

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Filing Date: March 15, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
INTERACTIVE 3D REGISTRATION OF
ULTRASOUND AND MAGNETIC
RESONANCE IMAGES BASED ON A
MAGNETIC POSITION SENSOR

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed August 27, 2003, the Applicants submit the following Remarks. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Kindly consider the following Remarks.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-12, and 14-23 are pending in the application. In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner omitted claim 11, which was an original claim and had not been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a revised Notice of Allowance that indicates that claim 11 is allowed as well.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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